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OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Interesting Exercises at Hall of William H. Davies Post, G. A. R. About thirty comrades were present on Wednesday evening at the installation of the newly elected officers of William H. Davies post, Grand Army Republic, T. M. Alexander officiated at the impressive services. Those installed were the following:

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Patterson's Forty-ninth Wedding Anniversary. A large number of friends assembled on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Patterson to congratulate them upon the completion of forty-nine happy years of married life.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

Brilliant Scene at the Burke Building—Promenade Dance. The social entertainment on Wednesday evening at the Burke building was most successful. E. D. Yarrington and H. H. Jadin as hosts deserve much credit for their efforts.

VAST IMPROVEMENT.

Report of the Board of Health Shows Better Conditions Than in 1895. The secretary of the city board of health has forwarded a report for 1896 to the secretary of the state organization. There are reported 55 fewer deaths in 1896 than during the previous year. The entire number last year being 224.

Board of Revision and Appeal.

The board of revision and appeal elected last year, consists of the following members: S. A. Dills, O. E. Histed, H. G. Baker, P. G. McDonough and W. J. Glennon. On Wednesday evening the board organized and the members were sworn into office by Mayor O'Neill in the select council chamber.

Mrs. Bassett's Thimble Tea.

Mrs. L. A. Bassett entertained a number of friends on Wednesday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. Daniel G. Smith. Among those present at this charming social gathering were: Mesdames W. Burr, F. E. Burr, Shields, S. A. McMullen, William Mc-

Annual Inventory Sale OF CARPETS.

We have concluded our annual inventory of stock, and find we have a great many desirable goods that we will close out at much less than cost, to make room for our spring goods that we are receiving daily. Bring your room along with you if in need of a carpet and we will guarantee you a bargain, as this is no humbug sale. We have some short lengths that we will close out at half-price. See them, as this sale lasts only ten days.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Cora and Master Clarence Giles entertained about thirty-five of their young friends on Wednesday. Professor Doty has accepted a situation in Wood's Business college. Matthew Lacey and Edward Burke have returned to Niagara university.

Edward J. Shannon has resigned his position as manager of Shannon & Eimer's North Church street bakery, and has left for Niagara university. James W. Payne, of Kingston, is visiting his sister, Mrs. James Smith, on Thorn avenue.

Mrs. Thomas Walker, who has been attending the funeral of her cousin, Miss Jennie Murphy, of Mahanoy City, has returned home. T. Flitcroft, division passenger agent of the Ontario road, was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Helen Mitchell, of Canaan street, visited friends in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. John Downing, sr., is ill at her home on Park street.

H. R. Stone, of Sand street, who has been visiting in New York, returned home last evening. Mrs. G. B. Samson is visiting his parents in Pittston.

P. H. Murrin, of River street, is confined to the house by illness. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gould, of Scranton, were visitors at the home of John R. Ulmer.

Miss Emma Dunlavy, who has been visiting Mrs. Nealon, returned to Scranton yesterday. John B. Kerr, esq., of New York, vice president and general counsel of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad, was the guest of Attorney J. E. Burr yesterday.

Mrs. George Williams is in a critical condition and Dr. Gardner, of Scranton, was called in consultation with Dr. J. S. Niles yesterday. Thomas Davies, of Bayonne, N. J., was a visitor in town this week.

Joseph Samuels, of New York, is the guest of Julius Moses, of Scranton, a German comedian of talent. Miss Katie Scott, of the West Side, who has been seriously ill is improving.

TAYLOR.

This evening the drama entitled "The Midnight Chorus" will be produced at Weber's rink under the auspices of the Knights of the Golden Eagle commandery. The committee who have had charge of the affair have worked hard to make it a success, and judging from the present indications it surely will be, as a great number of tickets have been sold. The performance will be continued again tomorrow evening. Come all and enjoy a good evening's fun. Admission 25 cents.

The young people, both of Taylor and Rendham, are enjoying the excellent skating on the reservoir near Jermy breaker. They are taking advantage of it now, as the ice dealers will soon be gathering their harvest.

Mr. John Lewis, of Hyde Park, visited friends in town yesterday. Casper Ott wished it announced that he has withdrawn from the field as a candidate for the office of tax collector.

Mr. Anthony Schultze visited friends in Olyphant yesterday. The Republicans of this borough held their primaries Wednesday evening. The result is as follows: First ward—Council, James Powell, sr.; school director, Talley W. Jones; judge of election, Obadiah Day; inspector, James Thomas. Second ward—Council, Evan L. Davis; school director, James M. Plesson; judge of election, D. M. Williams; inspector, Benjamin Carter. Third ward—Council, Thomas H. Jenkins; judge of election, David J. Jones; inspector, Thomas Jones. Fourth ward—Council, Henry E. Harris, constable, Frank Carney; judge of election, Gomer Davis; inspectors of election, Thomas Reynolds and Robert Coombs. Fifth ward—Council, John Ayers, jr.; school director, John Conley; judge of election, Henry P. Jones; inspector of election, David J. Thomas.

A notice appeared in The Tribune yesterday in these items announcing the death of Mrs. John Welsenth, wife of John Welsenth. The funeral will occur this afternoon from her late home on Grove street. Services will be held at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Forest Home cemetery.

THE SEELYE DINNER.

From the Philadelphia Press. The old idea that sin is more a matter of being tempted than tempting will not amuse the type of young men who ran the Seelye dinner, far from representing those who fall by temptation, represents that type not uncommon, either—that is held and blind, persistent and persevering in its pursuit of vice, gross or refined. That this climax of vicious enjoyment is the outgrowth of the current philosophy of our conventional life, and due largely to a double code which allows the man to do as he pleases, while exacting that all women shall be Lucecians in thought, word and action, is certainly manifest. It also indicates the failure of the home, family and church to have that cumulative effect for decency and cleanliness of life which should at least mark our civilization, even if spirituality be not retained. Perhaps, too, both emotionalism and formalism in religion are responsible in so far as the church is weak, as both the former and latter in all history have gone hand in hand with loose moral standards. If the family, the home and the church were more efficacious and morals were more concerned than a dogma, the Seelye dinner would not be occupying the space it does in the daily newspaper.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD

The jury empaneled by Justice of the Peace C. E. Helmes met yesterday at 12 o'clock, and not having necessary witnesses adjourned until last evening at 7 o'clock. At the adjourned meeting the following witnesses were called: H. F. Davis, James Quinn. The jury brought in the following verdict: "We, the undersigned find the said Richard Little came to his death, in our judgment, by having been struck by an engine on the Ontario and Western railroad in the borough of Jermyrn. After due consideration, we have arrived at the decision that his death was accidental, and we attach no blame to the company, officials or anybody. Signed, Thomas Walkey, H. D. Carey, Walter Snyder, A. F. A. Battenberg, E. C. Manley, M. D. James Allan. This evening the Citizens band will hold their hop at Gilmore hall. Mr. J. McDonald, prompter, Gilroy's orchestra will furnish the music. Mrs. George E. Walters spent yesterday with friends in Scranton.

IN THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS.

The Enormous Pressure of the Water in Its Deepest Places. From the Nineteenth Century. The temperature at the bottom of the ocean is nearly down to freezing point, and sometimes actually below it. There is a total absence of light, as far as sunlight is concerned, and there is an enormous pressure, reckoned at every one ton to the square inch in every 1,000 fathoms, which is 100 times greater than that of the atmosphere we live in. At 2,500 fathoms the pressure is thirty times more powerful than the steam pressure of a locomotive when drawing a train. As late as 1880 a leading zoologist explained the existence of deep-sea animals at such depths by assuming that their bodies were composed of solids and liquids of great density, and contained no air. This, however, is not the case with deep-sea fish, which are provided with air-inflated swimming bladders. If one of these fish, in full chase after its prey, happens to ascend beyond a certain level, its bladder becomes distended with the decreased pressure, and carries it, in spite of all its efforts, still higher in its course. In fact, members of this unfortunate class are liable to become victims to the unusual accident of falling upward, and no doubt meet with a violent death soon after leaving their bodies reach the surface in a distorted and unnatural state. Even ground sharks, brought up from a depth of no more than 500 fathoms, expire before they gain the surface.

The fauna of the deep-sea—with a few exceptions hitherto only known as fossils—are new and specially adapted forms of families and genera inhabiting shallow waters in modern times, and have been driven down to the depths of the ocean by their more powerful rivals in the battle of life, much as the ancient Britons were compelled to withdraw to the barren and inaccessible fastnesses of Wales. Some of their organs have undergone considerable modification in correspondence to the changed conditions of their new habitats. Thus down to 900 fathoms their eyes have generally become enlarged, to make the best of the faint light which rarely penetrates there. After 1,000 fathoms these organs are either still further enlarged, or so greatly reduced that in some species they disappear altogether and are replaced by enormously long feelers. The only light at great depths which would enable large eyes to be of any service is the phosphorescence of deep-sea animals.

SOME INSURANCE STORIES.

Some Interesting Cases Illustrating the Perils Which Beset People. The high importance of life insurance has become so generally realized of late years and policies are held by so many thousands that it is scarcely strange that there are many wonderful stories in this connection, says London Tid-Bits. A very remarkable thing occurred in Sheffield a few months ago. Having a wife and three children dependent upon him, and not making an income much more than sufficient for current expenses, he decided to take out an insurance upon his life for the protection of his family against destitution in the event of his being suddenly robbed of his support. He applied to a good company, went through the usual formalities, and awaited the result.

A few days later, after having closed his shop for the night, he was sitting in his parlour and the door, when he heard the postman's characteristic knock. He threw down his paper and hurried downstairs. When in the middle of a long passage he slipped, and fell down the remainder of the stairs into the hall below, where he struck his head on a door and was killed. The doctor, who was called, pronounced the death a fatal injury to the brain, from which he died in the course of a few days. The extraordinary feature of the story, which sounds like the daring fiction of a penny-a-liner, is the fact that in the letter box at the time of the accident was the life insurance policy for which the man had been negotiating. It had just been delivered by the postman, to whose knock he had responded. In point of time, therefore, the story, which is placed without the pale of suspicion by its source, would be hard to beat.

There are many similar cases of policies being taken out at the eleventh hour, as it has been said. Only last summer a gentleman who was on the following day to have started on a mountaineering tour through Switzerland went to a big London insurance company to go through the usual formalities and get his policy. This was done, and he left the office, which is situated in a thoroughfare where the traffic is seriously congested. Turning straight out of the office, without looking where he was going, he ran into a horse of a hansom, by which he was knocked down and fatally injured.

A strange case, illustrative of the value of newspaper insurance, which has become so popular of recent years, was that of a country carpenter. He had just knocked off work near a station, and was loitering about talking to the porters, when a train came in and stopped. From one of the compartments directly opposite the carpenter a gentleman alighted, leaving a paper upon the seat. The man mentioned the fact to him, and being informed that it was no longer wanted, he took possession of it himself to read over his evening pipe. He slipped it into his pocket, and after a few more peepholes to the porters, went off home, knocking his way along the railway, which, in the country, is a much more common thing than is supposed. About half-way home he was overtaken by a train, knocked down and killed instantly. His wife very promptly—it is remarkable how prompt people can be under these circumstances—put in her claim for the insurance, of

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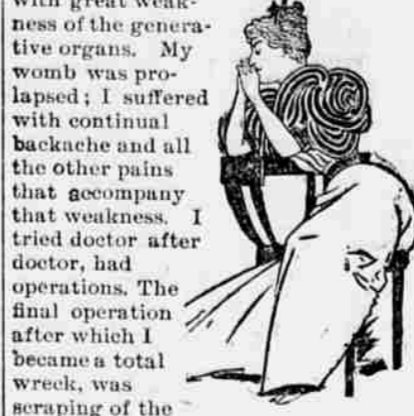
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